

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:30 p.m. Coon Rapids City Center Conference Room 3

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

AI-2978 Minutes

Old Business

New Business

0. AI-2979 Pollinator update

1. AI-2980 Backyard chickens

2. AI-2981 Fall schedule

Other Business

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Sustainability Commission - Regular

Meeting Date: 08/20/2015
SUBJECT: Minutes

Attachments

06/18/2015

COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2015

The June 18, 2015 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Stacee Demmer at the Coon Rapids City Hall.

Sustainability Members Present: Stacee Demmer, Rebecca Holmlund, Bob Krahn,

Ed Dedman, Christy Lamoreaux, Chris Backes

Members Absent: Steven Pedersen, Marcia Baudino

Staff Present: Colleen Sinclair

1. ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION BY CHRISTY LAMOREAUX, SECONDED BY ED DEDMAN, TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY REBECCA HOLMLUND, SECONDED BY ED DEDMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19 SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. GREEN EXPORECAP

THE COMMISSION WAS PLEASED WITH THE EVENT. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE MAKE AND TAKE PROJECTS WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL, SHOULD MORE BE ADDED TO THE NEXT EVENT. THE P.A. SYSTEM UPSTAIRS DID NOT WORK AT THE EVENT, HOW TO PREVENT THAT IN THE FUTURE AND HAVE A BACK UP PLAN IN PLACE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDITION OF MORE HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND MORE EYE CATCHING DISPLAYS, ALSO MORE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND LAWN CARE. NEXT YEARS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2016.

4. WORKSHOP RECAP

COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF MEMBERS COLLEEN SINCLAIR AND AMANDA BEDNAR MET WITH CITY COUNCIL FOR A WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY. UPDATES WERE GIVEN ON THE GREENSTEP CITY PROGRESS. COON RAPIDS HAS ACHIEVED STEP 2. STAFF CONTINUES TO INPUT B3 DATA INTO THE GREENSTEP SYSTEM, THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE TIME. TOPICS OF CHICKENS, BEES, PLASTIC BAGS AND STRYOFOAM WERE DISCUSSED. STAFF EDUCATED COUNCIL ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HONEY BEES AND POLLINATORS AND THE PROS AND CONS OF CHICKEN (EGG) FARMING.COUNCIL HAS DIRECTED THE COMMISSION TO DO MORE RESEARCH ON EACH TOPIC AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN A WORKSHOP LATER IN THE YEAR. THE COMMISSION HAS PRIORITISED THE WORK LOAD AND WILL BEGIN WITH THE POLLINATOR TOPIC AS ITS TIMING WILL BE CRITICAL IN THE NEW PARK IMPROVEMENT PLANS. THE COMMISSION FELT THAT THIS TOPIC WAS RATHER LARGE AS IT OVERLAPS WITH SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND WOULD REQUIRE CODE CHANGE IN VARIOUS AREAS. VARIOUS RESEARCH WILL BE DONE ON EACH TOPIC AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

SUMMER PARK MEETINGS WILL BE ATTENDED BY RECYCLING STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBERS. OUR "KIT" WILL BE BROUGHT TO EACH MEETING AND WILL BE LEFT FOR STAFF TO BRING BACK.

6. ADJOURN

MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY CHRISTY LAMOREAUX, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Respectfully submitted Colleen Sinclair, Staff Liaison



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